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CWC NEWS

CWC 2017: Your chance to make a difference!

Friends,

The Christmas rush..., really? Rushing at Christmas? Christmas, the pre-Christmas time and the last days of the year should not be spend rushing. It should rather be a time to reflect and to take a breather from the busy schedule that runs our time throughout the year. It should be a time to focus on those things in life that we too often take for granted, but are in reality the truly important things in our lives, such as our health, the friends and family we have, the feeling of being loved, a roof over the head, a warm bed to sleep in, food to eat, hope, peace...! Things that we should be grateful for, because there are too many people in this world to whom such things are just a dream. We can't change the whole world at once, we can't help every child trapped in Aleppo, we can't feed every starving child, provide hope for a better future to every child that sees none, but..., we can start somewhere! And there is no better time than now!

It doesn't take much to make a difference! If everyone of us would just take a small portion of the money spent on Christmas presents and donate it to one of the many worthy causes needing your support, the combined impact would be massive! So, please do your part in making a difference to the life of somebody that needs your help!

On behalf of CWC I wish you and your loved ones

**A Merry Christmas
and all the very best wishes
for a Happy and Prosperous
New Year 2017!**

For now, GOD Bless and safe cycling, always...

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An Interview with:

Ian Aitchison

Founder and former Chairman of Effective Aid International

Ian Aitchison and his wife Judy gave up a comfortable life in Australia's Gold Coast, where the trained pharmacist owned a successful pharmacy and moved to Thailand to start one of the most effective charities in North Thailand and Myanmar, aptly named Effective Aid International, which is also the

beneficiary of the Cyclists with Compassion charity rides. Ian recently retired from the chairmanship of EAI and after living more than 10 years in Thailand, Ian and his wife Judy moved back to Australia.

CWC: What inspired you to start EAI?

IAN: I started EAI when I was confronted by the desperate situation of the displaced people from Burma who were our world's longest term refugees, yet I had never heard of them. My wife and I wanted to tell the world about them, but also wanted to do something practical to assist them. Quality education seemed to be the single most effective way of changing their future.

CWC: You have spent more than 10 years of your life to help the displaced young people in the refugee camp, what were your major challenges?

IAN: Over the years we have been confronted by many challenges. These include gaining access to the young people we help, raising sufficient support, extremes in weather, language, understanding culture and negotiating our way through the obstacles placed in our way by local authorities.

CWC: How did you meet those challenges?

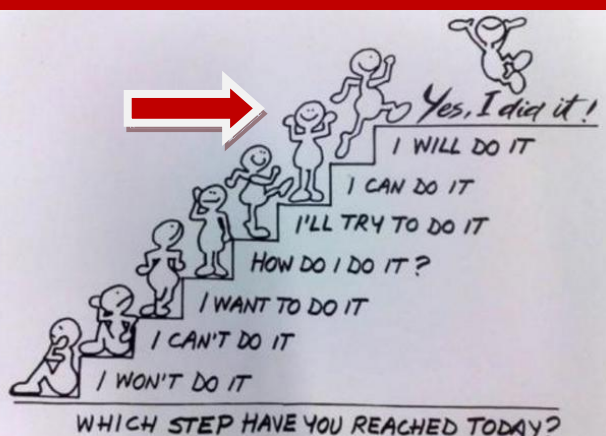
IAN: We overcame these challenges through dogged determination, selecting great leadership both here in Australia and on the ground at our project locations, plus keeping focused on a clearly defined vision.

CWC: What are the major improvements you have seen in the lives of the people you have helped in the refugee camps?

IAN: The change in both individual lives, as well as in the communities with whom we work, has been both immense and far reaching. We can never underestimate the empowerment brought through the delivery of quality education. It's not just about knowledge, but also the hope and vision that education, love and support bring to those participating in our projects.

CWC: Now you have retired from EAI, what do you hope EAI will achieve in the next 10 years?

IAN: While I have retired as Chairman of Effective Aid International, I remain an active board member and advisor. I look forward to being part of steering our education and community development programs into villages and communities within eastern Burma. Within the next 10 years I see significant high and primary schools established by EAI, as well as the relocation of our teacher training program into Burma, along with its expansion into training high school teachers as well as primary. I want to see rural communities prospering in a new and free Burma!



Challenge yourself:

CWC 2017 still has some open slots!

Have you ever thought of joining CWC 2017, of doing something very special, of seeing a beautiful country with different eyes and at the same time do something good for heart, soul and your health? Why not join CWC 2017?

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Our Appeal to you:



Cyclists With Compassion (CWC) is a group of like-minded cycling enthusiasts and was started with the goal to make a difference to underprivileged children in Asia by raising money for better education, which in turn will bring hope for a better, brighter future.

CWC plans and organises long-distance cycling tours to parts of Asia, raising awareness about the needs of children in these areas. By raising money from corporate sponsors as well as donations from friends and family donated in recognition of our mental and physical efforts, we hope to contribute our little part of making their world a little better, a little brighter!

In February 2017 cyclists from around the world will be cycling 700 km in North Thailand in 6 days, starting in Chiang Rai and finishing at the Baan Fah Sighy Children Home app. 100 km south of Chiang Mai. Baan Fah Sighy was established more than 13 years ago by Australian Phil Hohnen and his Thai wife Wanida and has developed into an "oasis of love" for many abandoned and orphaned children who call it home and know it's founders as "Mum & Dad".

The Baan Fah Sighy Children Home is supported by Effective Aid International (EAI), our chosen beneficiary of the ride. For 15 years EAI (www.effectiveaid.org) has been changing the future for displaced, orphaned and abandoned children both in Northern Thailand and Myanmar. For EAI quality education is the single most effective weapon that can be used today, to erase poverty in the future - so education is their key focus. During these past years, EAI has provided more than 13,000 individual years of schooling to children in refugee camps, displaced peoples' villages and children's homes. EAI has employed, trained and empowered hundreds of refugees as teachers in their schools and have provided love, food, safety and shelter to abandoned and orphaned children.

Our ambitious plans can only become reality with the help and support from private and corporate sponsors and I would like to ask your kind support by becoming a sponsor of the CWC ride 2017. There is no minimum donation; no matter how big or small, your contribution matters and will be very much appreciated.

You can donate directly to EAI, using the "[Donate](#)" feature on www.effectiveaid.org/cyclists-with-compassion. On the payment page you will also have the possibility to name the cyclist, in whose honour you donate. Australian-based sponsors will be issued with a tax-deductible receipt. For other payment methods and for Corporate Sponsorship, please contact contact4cwc@gmail.com.

Thank you on behalf of all cyclists and organisers of the CWC 2017 ride and the many, many children benefitting from your generosity!

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